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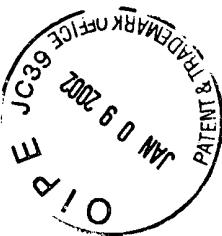
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MATERIAL AND METHOD

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This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On Page 1, line 2, please add: This application claims priority to Provisional

Application No. 60/148,590 filed August 13, 1999.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 3 and 23 as follows:

3. (Once Amended) The carrier according to Claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide

gel comprises a polysaccharide selected from the group consisting of a cellulose polysaccharide,

starch, chitin, chitosan, hyaluronic acid, hydrophobe modified polysaccharide, an alginate, a

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